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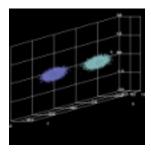


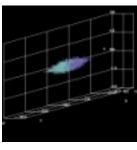


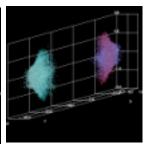


Much has changed in the eight decades since Ernest Orlando Lawrence invented the cyclotron, but his namesake laboratory in Berkeley remains committed to leadership in accelerator science and technology. While operating and enhancing state-of-the-art facilities like the Advanced Light Source, LBNL researchers are extending the frontiers of accelerator science through participation in projects such as the Large Hadron Collider, the design of future accelerators such as a "fourth generation" light source and accelerators for heavy ion fusion, and the development of advanced accelerator concepts based on lasers and plasmas. Advanced computing is playing a key role in LBNL's accelerator programs.

...through the synthesis of Accelerator Science and Advanced Computing





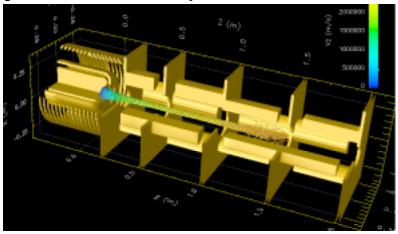




Large-scale simulations performed on NERSC's IBM/SP supercomputer (right) are helping to improve the performance of existing colliders like the Fermilab Tevatron and helping to prepare for new machines like CERN's Large Hadron Collider. The three figures on the left show a collision between two bunches of particles modeled using a new, parallel beam-beam simulation code developed at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory. Credit line: J. Qiang (AFRD) and Cristina Siegerist (NERSC).

PARTICLE ACCELERATORS are critical to research in many fields—in fact, they are relevant to all four strategic elements in the science portfolio of the Department of Energy's Office of Science. The DOE Office of Science—particularly its programs in High Energy and Nuclear Physics, Basic Energy Sciences, and Fusion Energy Sciences—as well as the National Science Foundation, have been responsible for the development of the nation's major accelerators. Facilities including high-energy colliders, synchrotron light sources, and spallation neutron sources are critical to research in fields such as high energy physics, nuclear physics, materials science, chemistry, and the biosciences. Accelerators have also been proposed, or are already playing a role, in addressing national needs related to the environment, energy, and national security. Beyond these large-scale applications, particle accelerators and the technologies associated with them are highly beneficial to society. Examples include irradiation and sterilization of biological hazards, medical isotope production, particle beams for medical irradiation therapy, superconducting magnets for medical MRI, ion implantation, and beam lithography. All told, particle accelerators have had, and will continue to have, a profound impact on scientific and technological progress and on the quality of people's lives.

Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory is playing a major role in developing a new generation of computer codes for the terascale era and the upcoming *ultra*scale era of high performance computing. (Ultrascale supercomputers – expected by 2005 – will achieve a performance of more than 100 trillion operations per second, or Tops.) Within LBNL, several organizations are collaborating to develop these new capabilities. The organizations include the Accelerator Modeling and Advanced Computing Program, the Center for Beam Physics, and the Heavy Ion Fusion Virtual National Laboratory, the Advanced Light Source Division, the Computational Research Division, and the National Energy Research Scientific Computing Center (NERSC). LBNL is also a co-lead laboratory on a SciDAC accelerator modeling project. Through this and other projects LBNL is working to develop a new generation of accelerator modeling codes in collaboration with several national laboratories and universities. LBNL's main emphases are the development of beam dynamics codes and the development of codes for simulating advanced accelerator concepts.

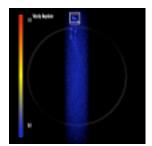


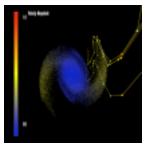
The applications of advanced accelerators extend far beyond their origins in high-energy and nuclear physics. This is a frame from a WARP3D simulation of an intense, high-current, space-charge-dominated heavy-ion beam's progress through the High-Current Experiment. The HCX is the present step in a program, performed jointly with Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory, to develop heavy-ion accelerators as efficient and cost-effective "drivers" for inertial fusion energy. This 3D time-dependent simulation, from the ion source through a series of electostatic quadrupole magnets, was performed on a terascale computer. On an ultrascale computer at a sustained performance of 100 Tops, and end-to-end simulation of a driver is expected to require approximately 20 hours of computing time. Cheryl, this may be cropped, etc. – the accelerator & beam are the interesting parts. Credits...

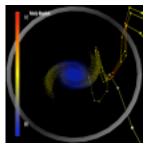
Simulation Studies of Beam Dynamics

Today's major accelerator facilities represent some of the largest and most complex of all scientific instruments. But the next generation of accelerators presents even greater challenges as designs expand the frontiers of beam intensity, beam energy, and system complexity. The three-dimensional, nonlinear, multi-scale, many-body, and time-dependent characteristics of future accelerator design problems, and the complexity and immensity of the associated computations, add up to extreme technical difficulty. High performance computing has rapidly gone from desirable to indispensable for enhancing existing facilities, designing the next generation, and exploring advanced concepts.

As particle beams are accelerated and focused they undergo tremendously complicated interactions within the accelerator environment. This includes the electromagnetic fields of the accelerator (including wakefields), the fields of the beam itself (i.e. space-charge effects and intrabeam scattering), fields associated with other beams (as in a collider or a multi-beam fusion driver), interactions with secondary particles (as in the electron-cloud effect), and interactions with radiation fields. These phenomena can produce beam halos, degrade the beam quality, and result in beam instabilities that limit accelerator performance. Working with institutions such as LANL, FNAL, BNL, UCLA, and U. Maryland, LBNL is developing a new generation of multi-physics beam dynamics codes to model these and other effects on parallel computers. The codes include IMPACT (a high-intensity linac simulation code), MaryLie/IMPACT (which will extend IMPACT's capabilities to circular machines), BeamBeam3D (a code for modeling colliding beams), and Langevin3D (for the self-consistent simulation of intrabeam scattering and electron cooling systems).







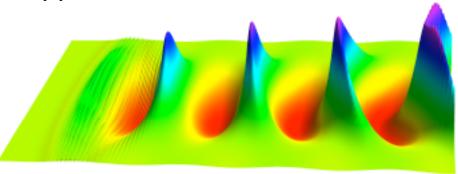
In these frames showing the time-dependent density evolution of an intense beam,, the high density region is the beam core. Selected particles of interest, depending on the physical problem under study, are shown as streamlines. In this case, the streamlines correspond to halo particles in a very low density region far from the core. The spiral arms show the result of the beam being improperly injected into the accelerator, which in this case is a separated sector cyclotron. Credit line: Andreas Adelmann and Cristina Siegerist (NERSC).

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The "electron-cloud effect" is one of many phenomena that were only recently discovered, or hitherto could be neglected, that have taken on importance in some of today's accelerators and will take on even greater importance in future accelerators. Electron-cloud instabilities are important in today's high intensity proton rings (like the LANL PSR) and B-factories (PEP-II and KEK-B). This will be an important phenomena in future machines like the SNS accumulator ring and the LHC. This simulation shows, from left to right, a sequence of frames from a simulation showing the buildup of the electron cloud, a buildup so great that it can disrupt the main beam being accelerators. Simulations courtesy of M. Furman, LBNL.

Simulation of Advanced Acceleraor Concepts

Since high energy accelerators cannot grow in size indefinitely, it will be necessary to develop new technologies capable of higher acceleration gradients than the ones now used. One possible approach is to use the extremely high fields that can be generated in lasers and plasmas. If these benchtop experiments could be developed into useable accelerators of much smaller size than the ones we use today, the payoff would be immense, not only in high energy physics but in applications of the beams. Thanks to the confluence of three things – successful small-scale experiments, the availability of terascale computing resources, and the availability of parallel 3D codes for modeling laser/plasma accelerators – it is now possible for full-scale simulations to play a pivotal role in guiding experiments. In addition, the fundamental physics inherent in ultra-intense laser and beam-plasma interactions is rich in nonlinear, ultra-fast, and relativistic physics. The insight gained from large-scale particle-in-cell codes is essential for unraveling this new physics.



One of Berkeley Lab's areass of excellence is theoretical, computational, and experimental research on advanced laser-driven plasma-based accelerators. These devices are capable of sustaining ultrahigh accelerating gradients (10-100 GV/m, some three orders of magnitude beyond conventional technology) at their present laboratory scale, and are promising candidates as future compact high-energy accelerators and drivers for novel short-pulse radiation sources. The accelerating fields are due to an electron density wave generated by the radiation pressure of a high-intensity laser pulse moving through a plasma. The centerpiece of the l'OASIS Laboratory experimental program is a 10 TW (presently being upgraded to 100 TW), 50 fs, 10 Hz Ti:sapphire laser system. The highly nonlinear laser-plasma interaction is modeled numerically with relativistic fluid-Maxwell codes and with particle-in-cell codes. Here we see a simulation of the plasma density wave (propagating from left to right after being excited in the wake of a high-intensity laser pulse), obtained from a fluid code. Credit line: Bradley Shadwick and Eric Esarey, AFRD.

Conclusion

The long-term dream for the upcoming ultrascale era is an array of accelerator simulation codes that together provide complete end-to-end modeling of all the phenomena that are important in an accelerator. LBNL's state-of-the-art accelerator modeling capabilities are helping to make this dream a reality. New simulations codes are being developed that will be used for important design decisions that will reduce cost and risk, optimize performance, and help assure successful completion of accelerator projects on schedule and within budget. The complexity of future accelerators, the performance parameters required to meet the scientific objectives, and the financial stakes demand it.

For more information on how advances in computer techniques are being put to use in the particle-accelerator field by Berkeley Lab and its collaborators, including links to technical papers and movies of many of these simulations, please visit Accelerator Modeling and Advanced Computing (AMAC) program website at http://www.amac.lbl.gov, or contact Robert Ryne, AMAC Program Head, at RDRyne@lbl.gov

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